

### The Flood in the Missouri.

The Editor of the St. Louis Republican, who attended a great Whig Convention at Lexington, Mo., on the 17th, thus writes of his trip up the Missouri:

"Along the river, wherever there is low ground—lands in fields, farms, and even in the forests—there are evidences of the ravages of the flood. Acres of ground are covered over with sand, in some places to the depth of many feet. In such cases, it will be several years before land can be worth the cultivation, or fit to produce anything, large numbers of trees have been carried into the river, and as the water subsides other large slides will take place. The current is charged, so that the pilots search for it as if running the river for the first time. We observed that the greatest injury to the shores has been produced by land being cleared, and the timber either cut down or decayed. An examination, at this time, would go far to sustain the opposition to the cutting down of the trees on the banks, practised by the United States Engineers. It is important that the Government should put upon this river, at as early a day as possible, one or more strong boats. From the quantity of drift carried down by the late freshet, and the number of ships which present themselves at the present stage of water, it is probable that the channel, when the river reaches a low stage, will be entirely changed, and more dangerous than in former years."

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